

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 2, rewrite the last paragraph as follows:

It is also known to provide a mechanized lifting and emptying apparatus situated on one side of the receiving hopper such that a container of interest may be retrieved on that side and emptied through a material receiving opening into the receiving hopper. Such an apparatus typically includes a holding or grasping device generally connected to an arm or extensible boom which is connected, in turn, to a base mounted on the vehicle. The arm or boom and grasping device are operated in concert to engage the container of interest, lift and dump the container into the receiving hopper in the vehicle. Such systems are typically operated using one or more hydraulic devices to extend or retract the boom, pivot the arm and open and close the grabbing device. Examples of such booms are shown in U.S. Patents ~~5,657,654~~ 5,967,731, 5,769,592 and 5,931,628.

On page 3, rewrite the last paragraph as follows:

A relatively high speed variable stroke cycle packer-ejector panel mechanism having a programmable operation ~~and including a~~ is provided that can be operated using a packing cycle selected from a plurality of available packing stroke cycles. A communication system is provided between the vehicle loading system and the packer-ejector mechanism such that the packer-ejector panel operation can be fully programmed, for

example, to count the number and density (frequency) of loading cycles of a side-loading arm dumping containers into the charging hopper to determine, for example, when and whether a quick shorter (possibly a sweep) cycle or a full cycle packing stroke should be used. Normally, after a selected number of quick fractional cycles, a full packing cycle is used to clear the charging hopper. Packer cycle time, in one model is approximately eight seconds for a sweep cycle or sixteen seconds for a packing cycle. The sweep cycle time is faster than the loading cycle time on a side arm container handling system and the full cycle is less than the cycle time of the front arms so that the loading device cannot tip a container behind the packer panel. This allows rapid loading while eliminating the need for a follower panel system in the design of the packer panel system. Followers have long been an easily damaged, high maintenance item in refuse packers and the ability to operate without a follower offers a significant advantage.